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SUBJECT: ISLAM AS POLITICAL FORCE IN NIGERIA

1. OUR A-228 POUCHED TODAY EXAMINES RECENT SPECULATION ABOUT POTENTIAL POLITICAL ROLE OF ISLAM IN NIGERIA AND ITS POSSIBLE INFLUENCE ON FMG STANCE RE ME ISSUES.

2. AIRGRAM CONCLUDES THAT "MUSLIM INITY" IS UNLIKELY CARRY SIGNIFICANTLY ACROSS NORTH/SOUTH TRIBAL LINES IN DOMESTIC POLITICAL ARENA. IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS REALM, WE JUDGE THAT PRESSURE BY NIGERIAN MUSLIMS ON ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THEIR ARAB CO-RELIGIONISTS, THOUGH PERHAPS GROWING, WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO PLAY SECONDARY ROLE TO SIMILAR PRESSURE FROM ARAB MEMBERS OF OAU.
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